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TO: ARA - Ambassador Todman

THROUGH: ARA - Ambassador Stedman

FROM: ARA/ECA - Robert W. Zimmermann

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with the American Jewish  
Committee - Thursday, September 1 - 5:00 pm

Four representatives of the American Jewish Committee will meet with you Thursday, September 1 at 5:00 pm. Those attending will be Richard Maas, President of the AJC, Bertram Gold, Executive Vice President, David Geller, Director of Latin American Affairs, and Jacobo Kovadloff, who ran the AJC office in Buenos Aires.

The discussion will center around Geller's recent trip to Argentina and the growing concern of the Argentine Jewish community that anti-Semitism is increasing within the GOA. Geller told us that the AJC is especially distressed by the Reznizky kidnapping (the son of leader of the Argentine Jewish community was kidnapped and only released after his father had interceded with President Videla) and the Timerman case (Timerman told Congressman Gilman that he had been questioned about an international Jewish conspiracy). Notwithstanding GOA assurances that religious persecution will not be tolerated, the AJC is worried.

I have attached a cable on the Gilman-Timerman conversation to illustrate why this AJC nervousness may be well justified.

Jim Bumpus and I would like to sit in on the meeting if you have no objections.

Attachment: As stated.

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